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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, **September 2, 2012:**

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 2, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, September 6**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 5**, with the following restriction:

Section 6-D: will be closed **north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point.**

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 5**, with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 5**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: will be closed east of a line from Sentinel Point to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58°01.45' N. latitude, 133°45.35' W. longitude and north of the latitude of Bride Point at 58°06.61' N latitude.;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 5**, in the waters of Lynn Canal, Chilkat Inlet, and in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets south of the terminus of the Chilkoot River with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of a line from a regulatory marker at Glacier Point at 59°06.02' N. latitude, 135°22.97' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Twin Coves at 59°06.58' N. latitude, 135°21.70' W. longitude.

Section 15-A: will also be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, September 2, through 12:00 noon, Friday, September 7**, in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlet north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude to the terminus of the Chilkoot River.

Section 15-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., **Sunday, September 2, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 5**.

The waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area west of a regulatory marker at the entrance to Boat Harbor will close with the remainder of Section 15-C at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, September 5.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department is discontinuing the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S7712.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 35 (August 26 through September 1)
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 30, 2012

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Boats	Days Open
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	20	200	7,300	12,000	10,500	30,020	34	4
District 6	20	100	8,000	5,700	3,500	17,320	55	2
District 8	20	60	3,000	800	600	4,480	30	2
District 11	10	950	3,700	300	700	5,660	30	3
District 15	13	1,700	2,500	1,400	18,600	24,213	55	5
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	40	2,000	30,000	32,040	40	3
Total	83	3,010	24,540	22,200	63,900	113,733		

FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD						
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	1	6	215	353	309	883
District 6	0	2	145	104	64	315
District 8	1	2	100	27	20	149
District 11	0	32	123	10	23	189
District 15	0	31	45	25	338	440
Deep Inlet THA	0	0	1	50	750	801

District 15: harvest numbers are for 3 days of fishing.

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